

## A Day in the Navy

### 17 October 2008

*October 17 marks the one year anniversary of "A Cooperative Strategy for 21st Century Seapower" by the Chief of Naval Operations and the Commandants of the U.S. Marine Corps and U.S. Coast Guard at the International Seapower Symposium in Newport, R.I. This was the first time that the maritime forces of the U.S. came together with a unified Maritime Strategy.*

- On October 17th, 332,262 Active Duty, 123,159 Reserve Component Sailors, with 6,438 Reserves mobilized and 184,033 civilians are serving in the Department of the Navy.
- 282 active ships are in service. 129 (46%) including 5 carriers and 5 amphibious large deck ship are underway.
- 7,909 Individual Augmentees, 3,396 of which are mobilized Reserves, are deployed on the ground around the world in support of the War on Terror.
- Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Gary Roughead returns from an overseas trip in Italy and to Bath, Maine to participate in the christening of USS Wayne E. Meyer (DDG 108). While in Italy, he participated in the 7th Regional Seapower Symposium for the Mediterranean and Black Sea Countries. The symposium allows maritime chiefs to discuss ways navies and maritime organizations of the world can work more closely together and share information that makes that cooperation more effective.
- USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71) and Carrier Air Wing (CVW) 8 are on-station in the Gulf of Oman making final preparations to fly the ship's first combat sorties of the deployment in support of coalition forces on the ground in Afghanistan.
- USS Ronald Reagan (CVN 76) and Carrier Air Wing (CVW) 14 flies 28 sorties.
- USS Iwo Jima (LHD 7) Strike Group conducts Maritime Security Operations, keeping the Sea Lanes of Communication open in the Arabian Sea and Arabian Gulf.
- Several U.S. ships remain off the coast of Somalia in the vicinity of Motor Vessel Faina. MV Faina was pirated off the coast of Somalia on Sept. 25. U.S. ships remain on station, closely monitoring the situation.
- U.S. ships are part of Coalition Task Forces 158, 152 and 150 and are deterring destabilizing activities while ensuring a lawful maritime order in the Arabian Gulf, Arabian Sea, Gulf of Oman and Gulf of Aden.
- Sailors from NMCB 4 are supporting Africa Partnership Station in São Tomé and Príncipe executing Engineering Rehabilitation and Construction and Humanitarian Civic Action.

- USS Elrod (FFG 55) completes a port call in Lobito, Angola in support of Africa Partnership Station. The visit featured discussions with senior Angolan military and elected leaders as well as technology demonstrations and enhanced the development of key maritime partnerships in Africa.
- USS Jacksonville (SSN 699) is underway in the Mediterranean Sea after a port visit to Toulon, France, conducting maritime security operations in the U.S. 6th Fleet area of responsibility.
- The fast-attack submarine USS Dallas (SSN 700) and Dutch submarine HNLMS Walrus are conducting mutual exercise torpedo firing evaluations in the Atlantic Ocean. The submarine force fires more than 400 exercise torpedoes each year to ensure weapon and launcher reliability, validate tactics and ensure crew proficiency.
- MV Beluga SkySails is loading cargo in Talamone Bay, Italy before heading for the U.S. as part of a single voyage charter. MV Beluga SkySails is the world's first modern cargo ship to use fuel-saving wind power and is under charter to the U.S. Navy's Military Sealift Command.
- Exercise Joint Warrior 08-2, an at sea operational exercise ends today. Joint Warrior 08-2 brought together 4,000 personnel from the U.S., United Kingdom, France, Netherlands, Germany, Sweden, Denmark and New Zealand, and improved teamwork of allied navies while certifying U.S. Navy ships for deployments as members of multi-national task forces.
- USS George Washington (CVN 73) is underway conducting strike training en route Guam. USS George Washington recently participated in the Republic of Korea Navy-sponsored International Fleet Review in Busan.
- Amphibious Squadron 11, USS Essex (LHD 2) and USS Denver (LPD 9) are operating in the vicinity of Subic Bay in support of an annual bi-lateral exercise with the Republic of the Philippines. Amphibious Landing Exercise (PHIBLEX) is part of the long-term security agreement between the U.S. and the Republic of the Philippines.
- Fleet Activities Yokosuka hosts the USS Ohio (SSGN 726) for a first-ever SSGN visit to mainland Japan. This international partnership reinforces the cooperative relationship between the U.S. and the Japanese.
- Commander, Navy Region Marianas facilitates discussions on the future alignment of common service functions on Guam to create the first-ever Joint Region at the Joint Basing Conference in San Antonio, Texas.
- USS Kearsarge (LHD 3) departs the Dominican Republic after completing a 14-day humanitarian assistance operation as part of Continuing Promise 2008. Medical specialists from the Brazil, Canada, Dominican Republic, France and the United States conducted nearly 750 dental exams and procedures, more than 2,100 optometry exams, and 35 surgeries

aboard Kearsarge, providing more than 16,000 patients medical care and filling more than 31,600 prescriptions at several sites in the area.

- USS Cole (DDG 67) is anchored in the Chesapeake Bay near Annapolis, Md. The destroyer is conducting orientation tours for U.S. Naval Academy midshipmen and representing the fleet during the Academy's homecoming observances.
- General David Petraeus, prospective commander of U.S. Central Command, addresses students and faculty at the Naval War College in Newport, R.I. The student audience includes 592 multi-service, interagency and international personnel.
- 893 young men and women make the transition from "Recruit" to "Sailor" by completing the eight weeks of boot camp at Recruit Training Command Great Lakes.
- 'Brush 6' deploys from Naval Base San Diego to help respond to Southern California wildfires. 'Engine 1' from China Lake returns to the base for normal duties after a week of fire fighting.
- The Sailors of NIOC Bahrain provided cryptologic expertise in support of the 58 U.S. and coalition ships in the 5<sup>th</sup> Fleet area of operations.